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For

NOVEL HUMAN K+ ION CHANNEL AND

THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS THEREOF

New York, New York November 18, 2002

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 2327 Arlington, VA 22202

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the July 16, 2002 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. The shortened statutory period expired on October 16, 2002. Applicants herewith petition for a one-month extension of time to file a response. With the extension of time, this Response is due by November 18, 2002.

The last day for filing a response within the one-month extension of time falls on Saturday, November 16, 2002. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, applicants may file this Response on the next business day.